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For : A METHOD FOR THE EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION OF A PROTEIN USING BUDDED BACULOVIRUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 29, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection made therein is respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire three months from the June 29, 2004, mailing date of the final rejection on September 29, 2004, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one (1) month and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with requisite fees therefor. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.